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¶1. (SBU) On February 27, PolOff spoke with Bobby Smyth, desk officer for UN Coordination at the Department of Foreign Affairs. Smyth stated that he did not expect a final decision would be reached before close of business, but that Judge Painter was "very much still in consideration." FAUCHER